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Tuyosi SUWAMOTO et al.

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NETWORK SETTLEMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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March 16, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of February 16, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper